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Mobile Towers

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise and Union Territory-wise number of mobile towers of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) in the country along with the break-up of the towers having antenna and without antenna;
- (b) the action taken/proposed to be taken for setting up antenna and other equipments/for functioning of the towers and the time frame for the same;
- (c) whether the matter for installation of mobile towers by BSNL/MTNL is pending in various telecom districts;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of proposals for setting up new mobile towers by BSNL and MTNL?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) Circle-wise details of mobile towers of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) in the country along with the break-up of the towers having antenna and without antenna are given in Annexure-1.

BSNL has reported that for procurement of GSM (Global System of Mobile communication) equipment, the tendering process for Phase-VII expansion project to augment its capacity in its areas of operation by 15 million lines has been concluded and the roll out for the same is under process. Out of 15 million lines, approximately 7.2 million lines have already been rolled out and remaining is under various stages of commissioning which BSNL will utilise for making operational non-radiating 1719 towers.

(c) & (d) MTNL has reported that no installation of mobile tower is pending in its service area. Circle-wise detail of BTSs pending for installation by BSNL is given in Annexure-2.

(e) BSNL has planned installation of additional 9600 3G BTSs and replacement of 5300 old 2G BTSs in North and South Zone to be rolled out from next financial year. MTNL has reported that presently no such proposal has been approved.